

# **Whittamore's Pick Your Own Group Tour – Tips Sheet**

Regardless of whether this is your first group tour visit to the Pick-Your-Own or if you are yearly visitors, this tip sheet will highlight some very important things to keep in mind when visiting Whitt's Pick-Your-Own.

**1. If you don't want your group holding their individual baskets on the bus ride home, bring additional boxes/containers.**

Many group tours (typically groups with kids) like to collect all the full berry baskets from each child and put them in something like a cardboard box or a reusable bag before getting back on the bus (and hey we don't blame you...berry juice all over the bus definitely is not ideal). However, Whittamore's does not provide cardboard boxes/plastic bags/other types of containers to group tours to do this. Therefore, be sure to bring some bags or empty boxes with you if you plan on collecting the baskets.

**2. Bring masking tape and pens.**

If you plan to collect all the baskets in a central place on your way home (as discussed above) then you will definitely want to bring masking tape and pens to label the baskets. Many groups show up with the hopes of labeling each quart/pint basket with the name of the child it belongs to but forget to bring these items along. Labeling the baskets means not having worry about them getting mixed up on the way home. Please be aware Whittamore's does not provide these supplies to you.

**3. Yes, we have bathrooms!**

Albeit they are port-a-potties, but we do have a place for children to use the bathroom. Our tip: take all the kids to the washroom BEFORE heading into the field. In order to take you to the best picking area, you sometimes have to walk a bit, meaning walking back to the washroom mid-picking can be a time-waster. You may want to factor this into your overall time at the farm. Please note the washrooms do not have running water to wash your hands, however hand sanitizer is provided.

**4. Lunch in the Pick-Your-Own.**

If your group is looking to eat lunch while in the pick-your-own that is fine by us. There are plenty of grassy areas to eat that are away from cars coming in and out of the pick-your-own. You may not, however, eat your lunch out in the berry field. Please note that there are not any picnic tables in the pick-your-own and that any food for sale is found at the farm market.

**5. All group tours must pay the \$4 entry fee.**

Regardless of whether you would like to pick more than a quart/pint per person, every person in a group tour still must pay the \$4 cost (adults included). Additional containers may be brought or purchased and weighed by the pound, but this is in addition to the \$4 charge for the quart basket of strawberries (or pint basket of raspberries).

**6. Visiting Whittamore's Fun Farm Yard too? Tell your bus to stay put!**

It can be anywhere from 15-30 minutes walking from the Pick-Your-Own to the Farm Yard depending on what field we're picking in. That's why if you are visiting both places make sure your bus stays in the Pick-Your-Own with you so it can drive you back to the Fun Farm Yard. Whittamore's does not provide tractor rides/other transportation to or from the Pick-Your-Own to the Fun Farm Yard and vice-versa.

